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Q. What is the Agency's relationship with the National Security Council?

A. The Director of Central Intelligence serves as the intelligence advisor to the National Security Council. In this connection, his primary role is to provide the NSC, its members and its supporting mechanisms with the information and judgments about foreign developments which they need to formulate and implement national security policy. He is a member of most of the committees within the NSC structure (Senior Review Group, Under Secretaries Committee, 40 Committee, Intelligence Committee, Defense Programs Review Committee, Vietnam Special Studies Group, Verification Panel on Strategic Arms Limitation, Verification Panel on Mutual and Balanced Force Reductions).

CIA supports the DCI in this role by:

- preparing briefings, National Intelligence Estimates and background papers for the DCI's use at meetings of these groups
- preparing inputs to papers assigned to any one of the NSC groups by the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
- maintaining close working relationships with members of the NSC Staff, providing them with oral briefings, current intelligence support, special studies, background papers and other finished intelligence products.

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Q. What do you believe to be the proper role of the military in the production of national intelligence, and particularly with regard to the preparation of National Intelligence Estimates and other intelligence studies of national significance?

A. In the production of national intelligence, the proper role of the military is to support the Director of Central Intelligence and to respond to his needs.

In this, the military assists in deciding what matters are to be addressed and how, by presenting the interests, the priorities, and the viewpoints of the Department of Defense, the Joint Chiefs, and other military users. The military also assists the Director by contributing its understanding as to the facts in a given problem and its expert judgments as to their meaning.

Under the community concept in the production of national intelligence, the military is an active participant in the full range of subjects of national interest--including political and economic as well as military.

With respect to the national intelligence estimates on major military matters and other intelligence studies of national significance on military subjects:

The military is expected to contribute importantly out of its professional expertise and intimate knowledge of military subjects generally.

On military subjects as on others in the production of national intelligence, the military is a participant with the remainder of the intelligence community and has no special claim or authority.

There is one area of unique contribution that the military makes to the production of national intelligence. The operating forces -- particularly air and naval -- frequently encounter the forces of foreign countries in the course of normal military operations. Out of these encounters, useful information on the operating procedures and capabilities of those foreign forces is derived. This information gathered by U.S. operational forces incident to its activities is made available to the intelligence community and contributes to the preparation, at the national level, of estimates regarding the capabilities and vulnerabilities of foreign forces.

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A. National Intelligence Estimates are produced on the direction of the National Security Council. As such, their release to the legislative branch is beyond the authority of the Director and can only be effected by the NSC.

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A. Although most of our finished intelligence is classified, much of it is based on unclassified sources. We regularly make available to the public certain of the unclassified material that would otherwise not be available. This material includes the results of our monitoring foreign radio broadcasts and translations of foreign periodicals and technical journals. Some of the research aids we prepare for our own use--like statistical summaries and directories of Communist government and party organizations--are based entirely on unclassified sources and many of these are made available to the Library of Congress for further dissemination to subscribing libraries and scholars. Many of our unclassified maps and other research materials are also disseminated to scholars in the academic community. In addition, our economists have, for more than a decade, contributed papers to the publications of the Joint Economic Committee of Congress on the economies of the USSR, Eastern Europe, and the People's Republic of China.

I intend to increase the flow of unclassified publications of this sort to the public and scholars wherever this does not conflict with my responsibility to protect intelligence sources and methods.

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Attached are the questions on which Mr. Colby has decided he would like your answers. Please submit them to OLC by noon tomorrow, 29 June.

John M. Maury
Legislative Counsel

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